THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A team of experts from National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi was sent to Bhopal on 19th to 22nd August; 1992 to investigate the reported outbreak of cholera/gastroenteritis. According to the team, dislocation of sanitary system due to heavy rains was the main cause of the outbreak. The team recommended certain short-term and long-term measures to the State Health Authorities for the control and prevention of outbreak of cholera/gastroenteritis in the affected area. The State Government was suitably advised to take necessary steps in the light of recommendations of the expert team. The State Government had since reported that the situation was under control in Bhopal.

Attending of patients at their residences by Doctors

1435. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors of the Central Government Health Scheme and Delhi Municipal Corporation attend patients at their residence in case of an emergency;

(b) whether doctors of New Delhi Municipal Committee do not attend patients at their residence in case of emergency;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard to provide emergency services to patients at their door steps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The doctors posted in CGHS dispensaries pay domiciliary visits at the residence of the patients as and when called by the patients during emergency. The doctors of Municipal Corporation of Delhi do not pay visits at the residence of the patients.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The reasons are as follows :—

(i) The doctors of NDMC are not supposed to leave their dispensaries during office hours.

(ii) No conveyance allowance is paid to them for visits to the patient's residence.

(iii) The beneficiaries of NDMC are the General Public and NDMC employees only.

(d) Round-the-clock emergency services are available in all major Government and Delhi Administration hospitals which are being availed of by the General Public according to proximity to their residence. Ambulance and Police Vans are also used to rush accident victims to the Hospitals.

Subsidies/Tax Exemptions to the Hospitals in Private Sector

1436. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been giving subsidies, tax exemptions etc. besides grants to the hospitals in private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the details of the conditions on which grants and subsidies etc. are given by the Government to the hospitals in private sector;

(c) whether there is any monitoring system to know how far the private sector hospitals have been fulfilling the conditions on the basis of which subsidies and grants have been given by the Government;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if answer to (c) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?